(i) Fever (38°C and 4 weeks), fatigue, night sweats and malaise.

(ii) Significant and unexplained weight loss (10 per cent of body weight).

(iii) Lymphadenopathy—12 weeks.

(iv) Diarrhoea—2 weeks.

(v) Oral or/and esophageal candidiasis.

Having any of these signs and symptoms does not necessarily confirm the diagnosis of AIDS. For confirmation, complex blood tests are required.

(c) The results of the tests conducted on Shri George Varghese, at TVM Medical College, showed that he was not suffering from AIDS.

Non-viable Shipping Companies

2358. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the "non-viable" shipping companies which have taken loans for the Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) and the amount of loan outstanding at present; and

(b) the steps being taken to recover these dues from such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government have not declared any defaulting shipping company as non-viable. However, all defaulting companies have been served with notice by SDFC to repay the dues as per loan agreement. In the case of some companies steps for foreclosing the mortgages have been initiated.

Charges of corruption against officials of the Ministry of Transport

2359. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers charged with corruption in the Ministry of Transport and Corporations under it during the last two months; and

(b) the names of the officers with designations against whom action has been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Multi-drug treatment of leprosy patients

2360. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to introduce multi-drug treatment for leprosy patients throughout the country in order to control the disease; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is planned to cover under multi-drug treatment 201 districts identified so far as endemic with prevalence rate of 5 and above per thousand population by 2,000 A.D. During VII Plan all 76 hyper-endemic districts with prevalence rate of 10 and above per thousand population will be covered under multi-drug treatment. Infrastructure in the remaining 125 districts will also be created by end of VII Plan.

Appointment of new Chairmen of Air India and Indian Airlines

2361. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether new Chairmen of Air India and Indian Airlines have recently been appointed;

(b) if so, what are their names; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay in making the appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Consequent upon the resignation of Capt. A. N. Kapur as part-time Chairman of Air India and Indian Airlines, Government have appointed the Secretary, Civil Aviation as part-time Chairman of the two airlines, in addition to his duties, w.e.f. the 4th of December, 1985.

दिल्ली-कानपुर और दिल्ली-आगरा रेल-पथ

2362. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :**
श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :

क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली-कानपुर और दिल्ली-आगरा रेलपथ को 200 कि० मी० प्रति घंटे की गति से यातायात के लिए तैयार करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन योजनाओं पर अब तक की प्रगति का ब्योरा क्या है और इस उद्देश्य के लिए 1985-86 तथा 1987-88 के वर्षों के लिए क्या क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं ?

रेल विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिन्धिया) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली और आगरा/कानपुर के बीच अधिक रफ्तार की गाड़ियां चलाने की व्यावहारिकता की जांच करने के लिए सर्वेक्षण कार्य शीघ्र ही शुरू करने की योजना बनायी गई है

New coach designs for Kapurthala coach factory

2363. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technology in place of old ICF design is being introduced in the Kapurthala coach factory; and

(b) if so, what are the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It is proposed to import new technology for coach design and manufacture. The coach factory now being set up at Kapurthala will initially manufacture coaches to existing designs and adopt the modern technology for subsequent production of Coaches.

(b) The modern Coaches are expected to embody the latest features in light-weight design, suspension, braking, air conditioning, corrosion prevention and passenger comfort.

Water Supply in Bhopal

2364. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the daily 'Navbharat' of the 24th January, 1986, published from Bhopal under the caption 'Bhopal Ke Pani Mein Mic Ka Jahar';

(b) if so, what information has been collected by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that urine of patients admitted in the hospitals of Bhopal, still is found to contain theocyanite which is due to water being supplied in Bhopal; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct fresh scientific tests of water being supplied there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Government are aware of the news report. In many of the